

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Markus MULLER, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2347  
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Application No.: 10/587,892 : Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Filed: June 18, 2007 : Examiner: Suryaprabha CHUNDURU  
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For: METHOD FOR CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF A NUCLEIC ACID  
MIXTURE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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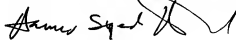
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, now due to expire June 17, 2008, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on September 17, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1050.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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